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This will also certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Specifically, these documents were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated July 3, 2006. The Action is in Japanese and a translation is not readily available. It appears from the Action, however, that documents 2002-171466 and 10-191255 were considered more relevant to the pending claims than the remaining documents.

Their citation in an action in a corresponding Japanese application is considered to show their perceived relevance.



Please take these documents into account in the initial examination of this application together with the information at pages 1 to 3 of the specification as filed.

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